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PATENT

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In re:	Patent Application of	: Group Art Unit: 1647
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Filed:	July 10, 2001	: Attorney Docket
		: No. 053884-5001
For:	NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH	:
	FACTOR (FGF23) AND METHODS OF	:
	USE	:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002 (Paper No. 6), issued in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-16, 22-24, 32-33, 36-38, 43, 80, 82 and 83, drawn to nucleic acids. Within Group I, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute SEQ ID NO:1 as set forth in the as-filed application. This election is being made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

This response is being timely filed in light of the five-month extension of time and accompanying fee included with this election, which extends the time for a response up to and including April 2, 2003. A favorable examination of the claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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